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SUBJ: SOVIET-JEWISH EMIGRATION FOR OCTOBER

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1. WE DO NOT YET HAVE TEXT OF WALLACE U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT ARTICLE AND WE WERE NOT THE DIPLOMATIC SOURCE QUOTED BY HIM. HOWEVER, WE HAVE SEEN NO CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE THUS FAR THAT SOVIETS ARE MOVING TO ALLOW INCREASED NUMBERS OF JEWS TO LEAVE USSR. WALLACE'S POINT THAT SOVIETS MAY NOW INCREASE EMIGRATION AFTER HAVING MADE CLEAR THAT WEST HAD NO STANDING IN THIS MATTER, IS QUITE POSSIBLY A VALID ONE. WE WOULD PREFER TO WAIT, HOWEVER, UNTIL RESULTS FOR NOVEMBER ARE IN. WHILE VISA ISSUANCE FOR OCTOBER WAS UNDOUBTEDLY HIGHEST FOR 1975, IT IS SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER THAN FOR SAME MONTHS OF TWO PREVIOUS YEARS. WE ALSO NOTE THAT OCTOBER FIGURES FOR 1974 AND 1973 WERE HIGHEST FOR EACH OF THOSE YEARS. IF NOVEMBER FIGURES ARE INDEED UNUSUALLY HIGH, THEN THERE MIGHT BE A TREND TOWARD EXPANDED EMIGRATION DEVELOPING.

2. WE HAVE NO EASY EXPLANATION EITHER FOR WHY "DROP OUT" RATE IS SO HIGH. PROMINENT MUSCOVITE JEWISH REFUSENIKS WITH WHOM WE TALK ALL CONTINUALLY
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RESTATE THERE INTENTION -- SHOULD EXIT PERMISSION

EVER BE GRANTED -- PERMANENTLY TO SETTLE IN ISRAEL.
THEY ADMIT, HOWEVER, THAT MANY JEWS LEAVING THE SOVIET
UNION, PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM CITIES AND WHO HAVE
PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, ASSERT THAT THEY THINK
THEY WOULD FEEL MORE AT HOME IN WESTERN EUROPE OR
THE UNITED STATES THAN IN ISRAEL.
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